· 1 REMARKS

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. 2	In the October 4, 2001 Office Action the Examiner rejected
3	claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over
4	Andrien U.S. Patent No. 6,207,954 ("Andrien"). Applicant
5	respectfully submits that the Examiner has misconstrued the
6	teachings of Andrien. Specifically, the Examiner states that
7	Andrien teaches an "apparatus comprising first and second
8	capillary sections having an inlet and an outlet, a union having
· 9	first and second openings." Applicant respectfully disagrees.
10	None of the sections in the specification of Andrien cited by the
11	Examiner discuss or even suggest a capillary having first and
12	second sections joined by a union. Indeed, nothing in Andrien
13	suggests a multiple section capillary joined by a union as
14	claimed in the present application. Therefore, applicant
15	respectfully requests the rejections of claims 1-15 under 35
16	U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits
that the present invention represents a patentable contribution
to the art and the application is in condition for allowance.

5 Early and favorable action is accordingly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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